1. (Amended) A control element for a nuclear reactor comprising:

a plurality of absorber rods (7) each absorber rod (7) comprising at least an inner absorber enclosure (10), an outer absorber enclosure (13) and a first middle absorber enclosure (11), wherein the absorber enclosures are fitted and nested into each other and concentric in their relationship;



a predetermined spacing between each of the absorber enclosures surrounding and adjacent to one another; and

each absorber rod movable within the control element;
an absorber (8) contained only within the inner absorber
enclosure (10);

wherein, in the event of expansion of the absorber, a respective absorber enclosure is removable from a starting position and a mechanical resistance is formed for compressing and containing the absorber.



5. (Amended) The control element according to claim 1, wherein dimensions of the inner absorber enclosure are selected in such a way that the inner absorber enclosure receives sintered absorber tablets.